

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ON
RATES AND MARGINS OF PREFERENCE

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THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Wellington, 26 July 1973

MY DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

I refer to discussions which have taken place between our two Governments with reference to the Trade Agreement signed at Wellington and Ottawa on 23 April 1932⁽¹⁾ as amended by subsequent Exchanges of Letters and by the Protocol signed at Wellington on 13 May 1970 on the question of the continuation of the preferential arrangements applying to trade between our two countries. Both Governments have acknowledged that these reciprocal arrangements are of value to them and I am, therefore, pleased to place on record the undertaking given by both Governments to retain to the extent feasible and desirable the present framework of Canadian-New Zealand trade relations.

With these considerations in mind I should like to propose that the provisions set out in the following paragraphs should apply to trade between our two countries and that the terms of this letter should be taken into consideration in any future long-term agreement between our two Governments on tariffs and tariff preferences.

- 1 (a) In this letter the term "scheduled goods" refers to those goods listed in Schedule A and in Schedule B to the Trade Agreement signed at Wellington and Ottawa on 23 April 1932 as amended by subsequent Exchanges of Letters and by the Protocol signed at Wellington on 13 May 1970 (hereinafter in this letter referred to as the 1932 Trade Agreement as amended); and the term "non-scheduled goods" refers to all goods which are not so listed in Schedule A or Schedule B to that Agreement as the case may be.
- (b) Subject to sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph, the provisions of this letter apply to all goods traded between and being the produce or manufacture of Canada or New Zealand.
- (c) The provisions of paragraphs 3, 5, 6 (b) and 6 (c) of this letter shall not apply to the items listed in the attached annex.
- 2 (a) Subject to sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph, the Government of Canada undertakes that it will not raise against New Zealand the statutory preferential rates of import duties on non-scheduled goods above the rates applied to those goods on 31 January 1973.
- (b) The Government of Canada may raise the preferential rates of import duties against New Zealand on non-scheduled goods
 - (i) for fiscal purposes; or

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1932 No. 2